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Mr James Hill
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Dear Jimmie:

I was glad to get your letter, and am hastening to answer it because we are planning to take the pitchers to camp a week ahead of the other players, so as to get them into condition.

We had planned first to go to camp April 8th, but due to the fact we may play a game the 15th we thought we had better get the team in condition sooner. Will you be ready to meet us in camp April 1st? Would the pitcher you spoke of be ready to go with you? The infielder could come a week later.

If you will be able to meet us in Richmond on the 1st, I will send you your ticket plus the money you asked for. I will also send a ticket for the pitcher Watson. I do hope he is worth while.

I know you will be glad to hear Mackey has agreed to come back to us this year. Everyone says you looked your best with him catching. Matthews has also agreed to return. Pearson, Davis, Harvey, Dandridge and Watkins are still in America, and Wells is going to stay this year. All in all we should have a pretty good team, especially if you can get in shape.

Answer me right away, so I can send your ticket and the money you asked for. I will also give you \$20.00 a week while you are in camp this year plus room and board.

Very Truly Yours